(b) what is the break-up of such subsidy, nitrogen, phosphate and potash-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) At present, only the manufacturers of straight nitrogenous fertilizers, namely, urea, ammonium sulphate, ammonium chloride and calcium ammonium nitrate are covered under the Retention Price-cum-Subsidy Scheme. A provision of Rs. 3,000 crores has been made in the budget for 1993-94 for payment of subsidy to the fertilizer manufacturing units

Fertiliser Agencies in Gujarat

*4. SHRI GOPALSINGH G. SOLANKI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the fertiliser agencies working in Gujarat as on 31st May, 1993 ;

(b) what is the number of those agencies which are working under the cooperative societies ; and

(c) what are the details of future programmes of Government to sanction new agencies for distribution of materials as required by the Public in view of the demand and supply ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO):

(a) to (c) The Government of India neither appoints nor maintains information regarding fertilizer agencies operating in a State. However, as per information furnished by the Government of Gujarat, the following agencies were working in the State as on 31-5-1993 :

(i) Gujarat State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd.,

(ii) Gujarat Co-operatve Oilseeds Growers Federation Ltd.,

(iii) Gujarat State Co-op. Cotton Federation Ltd.

(iv) Gujarat Co-op. Grain Federation Limited.

(v) Gujarat Co-op. Tobacco Federation Ltd.

(vi) Gujarat Co-op. Onion Growers Union Ltd.

(vii) Fruit and Vegetables Co-op. Federation Ltd.

(viii) Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation Ltd.

(ix) Fertiliser Company Depots of GSFC & GNFC.

In addition to these agencies, private trade channels also operate in the State. Agencies listed at Serial numbers (i) to (vii) are in the Co-operative sector.

The distribution network of the above mentioned agencies and the private trade comprises 11932 sale points.

According to the State Government, the existing agencies are in a position to handle the supply of fertilizers in the State as per requirements and there is no need to add more agencies at present. The State Government, however, proposes to have 400 additional sale points during 1993-94.

Irrigularities in relation to Drug Prices

*5. SHRI ANANTRAM JAISWAL :

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several bulk drugs which do not fulfil the exclusion criteria are outside the price control ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no review of the list of drugs which are outside price control has taken place during the last three years ;

(c) whether it is a fact that producers are charging exorbitant prices and are also resorting to over-invoicing of prices ;